# Health News Release

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# State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Clallam County**

In April 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional **Patrick Avery Graham** (CP60132816).

#### **Franklin County**

In April 2011 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Jesus L. Alvarez** (PH00020548).

# **Grant County**

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Tia M. Riggs** (NA00187235) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

## **Island County**

In April 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Matthew L. Czarnik** (ES00123996) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 he pleaded guilty to negligent driving, and was charged with residential burglary with aggravating factor, and possession of a controlled substance.

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# **Jefferson County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Corey Stephen Swinburne** (NC60197808). In 2008 he entered into a five-year deferred prosecution for driving under the influence, and in 2009 he was convicted of assault.

## **King County**

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Socrates Bravo** (NA60050837) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly pushed a 13-year-old patient off the arm of a chair onto the floor.

In April 2011 the Massage Program terminated the order of probation against **Randall L. Kenyon** (MA00013417).

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Antonia C. Malla** (NA00118822) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to address the use of oxygen and cigarettes in a patient's care plan, resulting in a fire and the patient getting burned. In 2009 she was convicted of failure to report.

In April 2011 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **Islamuddin Wardak** (CH00034030) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In April 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Louis C. Wong** (PH00021451) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly wrote prescriptions for himself and family members using a physician name as the prescriber without the physician's authorization.

## **Lewis County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Kayley Marie Arlt** (NA60170549) and placed her registration on probation for six months. In 2007 she was convicted of battery. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

#### **Pacific County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission denied the application of licensed practical nurse applicant **Joshua Lee Hendershot** (LP60179755). The Board of Nursing of Virginia entered into an order against his license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in 2004, and indefinitely suspended his license in 2010. He also failed to disclose the order and suspension on his application.

# **Pierce County**

After a hearing in April 2011, the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **James LeRoy Hoag**, **Jr**.

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(CO60183363) and placed conditions against his certification. Between 1994 and 2007 he was convicted of nine felonies. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In April 2011 the Massage Program granted the application of **Theresa Michelle-Jewell Howell** (MA60208136) and placed her license on probation for three years. In 2009 she was convicted of four counts of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2011 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Harold E. Linsten** (PH00010564).

In April 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Nancy Picou** (LP00047746) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly distributed controlled substances to her husband that were prescribed for her personal use.

# **Snohomish County**

In April 2011 the Podiatric Medical Board charged **John H. Brunsman** (PO00000246) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly treated a patient with the incorrect procedure for the patient's age and activity level, took illegible notes on the patient, and was mistaken in the initial report on the patient's condition.

# **Spokane County**

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Alana Jane Barry** (NA60120658) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly solicited money and gifts from a patient totaling about \$400, smoked marijuana in the presence of the patient, and provided services while impaired.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Heather L. Cox** (NC10082952) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to administer ordered medications for a patient.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Deron A. Parks** (NC10091608) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 he was convicted of rape, theft, and furnishing liquor to minors.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sonja K. Theierl** (NC10076603) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly struck a patient on the hand and cheek.

#### **Thurston County**

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Charlene A. Hawelu** (NA00084058) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly drove a patient to a casino

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and left the patient alone in her car for about one hour while the engine was off and it was 32 degrees outside.

In April 2011 the East Asian Medicine Program charged **Shannon Rae Osborne** (AC00000503) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

#### Yakima County

In April 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Michelle R. Graham** (CO60156856).

In April 2011 the Board of Pharmacy modified the agreed order against pharmacist **Lacie J. Zavala** (PH00070140). Her license is placed on probation until May 2014. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

# **Whatcom County**

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Becky Lynn Frick** (NA60002221).

#### **Out of State**

**Illinois:** In April 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Amanda Isley** (RN00177525) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used an alias name obtaining patients' Fentanyl, and failed to document administration or wastage of the Fentanyl, leaving controlled substances unaccounted for.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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